

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 13 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of March 3, 2004.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,604,671; U.S. Patent 6,435,400; U.S. Patent 6,325,275; U.S. Patent 6,000,599; U.S. Patent 5,647,528; U.S. Patent 5,673,845

Claims 1 through 13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,604,671.

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Claims 1 through 13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,000,599.

Claims 1 through 13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 45 through 57 of U.S. Patent No. 5,647,528.

Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 7 and 9 through 13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 114 through 125 of U.S. Patent No. 5,673,845.

In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing terminal disclaimers to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimers should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached are the terminal disclaimers and accompanying fees.

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Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 13 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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